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## **An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2007-08**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2007-08 is as follows:

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$192,820
Education	11,901,553
Forest Fire Protection	160,000
Human Services - General Assistance	66,000
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	766,871
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	364,286
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TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$13,451,530
County Reimbursements for Services:	
Aroostook	\$799,476
Franklin	604,808
Hancock	194,341
Kennebec	306
Oxford	441,047
Penobscot	832,068
Piscataquis	901,537
Somerset	840,005

Washington	711,759
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TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$5,325,347
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TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$18,776,877
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$18,776,877
Less Deductions:	
General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$290,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
Transfer from Undesignated Fund Balance	3,300,000
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TOTAL	\$3,740,000
Educational -	
Land Reserved Trust	\$100,000
Tuition/Travel	250,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	200,000
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TOTAL	\$555,000
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	(\$4,295,000)
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TAX ASSESSMENT	\$14,481,877

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

### SUMMARY

This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.